

Harvard Square Project Update

Design Process

The 15 member Harvard Square Design Committee has been working with city staff and consultants since April 2002 to develop sidewalk, roadway, lighting, landscaping, and signage improvements for the Harvard Square area. The Committee is developing a Master Plan of improvements for the entire project area with high priority improvements scheduled to be constructed starting fall of 2004.

Eleven committee meetings and two community meetings have been held to identify issues, develop alternatives and get input from the larger community. Plans for shared streets, curb extensions, wider sidewalks, additional crosswalks, enhanced plazas, bicycle facilities, and signal timing improvements have been developed. Over the next six months the Harvard Square Design Committee will be focusing on sidewalk materials, lighting, landscaping, signage improvements and also prioritizing which improvements will be included in the upcoming construction project.

Project Schedule

2002

- April** 15 member Harvard Square Design Committee formed to advise city staff and a team of consultants developing improvements for Harvard Square.
- April – Oct.** Sidewalk, roadway, lighting, and landscaping issues identified. Traffic circulation options developed.
- November** **First Community Meeting**

2003

- Nov. - May** Transportation improvements refined. Conceptual plans for plaza improvements developed.
- May** **Second Community Meeting**
- Fall / Winter** Develop plan for sidewalk materials, lighting, landscaping and signage. Develop list of high priority improvements.

2004

- Spring** **Community Open House**
- Fall** Scheduled construction of high priority improvements.
Estimated Budget: \$3.5 million

For more info: www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/envirotrans/infraproj/harvardsq or contact Katherine Watkins, Project Manager, City of Cambridge, at 617-349-4751, TTY: 617-349-4621, or kwatkins@cambridgema.gov. 12/9/2003